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This is the 2006 publication of the **Montana County Health Profiles**. The Public Health and Safety Division will update the Montana County Health Profiles (*Profiles*) every other year, based on the most recent available data. The *Profiles* give health providers, planners, and other policy makers consistent data for identifying health needs and evaluating plans and programs. An introductory section, "Definitions, Sources and Data Use Notes," defines the indicators and identifies the data sources. *Profiles* users are encouraged to refer to this section when using these data.

We recognize that this publication will not meet the needs of every planner or policy maker and will continue to be limited in the amount of information that can be presented in a concise format. However, we want the *Profiles* to be as useful as possible and welcome all comments and suggestions for improvement.

Two changes were made to the **2006 Montana County Health Profiles**:

- A two-page Montana American Indian Health Profile was added to the 2006 *Profiles* in an effort to help describe Montana's largest minority population.
- The section *Public Health Resources*, providing the number of full-time equivalent public health nurses, registered sanitarians, registered dietitians, and health educators for each county, was removed because updated information was not available.

The Public Health and Safety Division maintains and distributes sets of the County Health Profiles as reference documents and will provide individual county profiles as separate sheets. The Montana County Health Profiles are available on the division website at the address below or a hardcopy can be obtained by calling (406) 444-7374.

Public Health and Safety Division website: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/>

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